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Ex-Adviser to Carter Assails Reagan Plan For Domestic Spying

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP) — The former intelligence adviser to the Attorney General in the Carter Administration said today that a proposal for domestic spying by the Central Intelligence Agency was unprecedented in the agency's 35-year history and raised the potential for "a scandal bigger than Watergate."

Kenneth Bass, who helped draft and carry out President Carter's order governing American intelligence agencies, delivered the criticism to reporters after the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights abruptly postponed the first public hearing on the Reagan Administration proposal. Mr. Bass had been scheduled to testify at the hearing.

The committee's chairman, Representative Don Edwards, Democrat of California, said he postponed the hearing until next week to give the Administration time to revise its proposed order along the lines suggested yesterday by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The Intelligence Committee decided at a closed meeting yesterday to seek changes to protect civil liberties, including retaining Mr. Carter's almost complete ban on intelligence agency efforts to infiltrate and influence American groups.

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